

SUPREME COURT CONTEST LOOMS

Fight for Two Places Over-shadows State Gubernatorial Race

DEMOCRATS MAY LOSE

Nonpartisan Ballot Can De-feat Purpose of Minority Representation Clause

Interest in the contest over the election of two members of the Supreme Court threatens to overshadow the gubernatorial fight, which so far has been marked by apathy.

There are four leading candidates for the two places which will be filled by the voters at the election Tuesday, November 5.

The vote for the Supreme Court justices is cast on the nonpartisan ballot, which is separate from the ballot on which the names of party candidates for offices appear.

Because of an old clause in the State Constitution, when two justices are to be elected at the same election each voter is entitled to vote for only one candidate. Prior to the passage of the non-partisan law the justices were elected on the party ballot and the clause was inserted to insure a minority representation on the bench.

Under the non-partisan law, however, it is possible for the dominant party to defeat the purposes of this constitutional clause. Should the two leading Republican candidates for the two places sell the highest vote they would be elected and the Democrats would be deprived of the representation the Constitution would give them.

The Candidates The four leading candidates for the two Supreme Court places are Superior Court Judge John K. Kephart, Charles R. Lennahan, William Barre lawyer; and Alexander Simpson, Jr., of Philadelphia, and Edward I. Fox, of Easton, two present justices who were appointed by Governor Brumbaugh to fill vacancies caused by death.

Judge Kephart is believed by those familiar with political conditions to have the best chance of the four. It is expected that he will receive the support of the active Republican organization workers over the State.

Justice Simpson, the other Republican, will receive the vote of the Vore organization in Philadelphia. With the heavy Republican vote in Philadelphia to start with Justice Simpson will have a strong advantage over the two Democrats, Mr. Lennahan and Justice Fox.

Should anything like the normal Republican vote be polled there is a strong possibility that both Judge Kephart and Justice Simpson will win. Anything like an even split of the big Republican vote would give them each a commanding lead, as Justice Fox and Mr. Lennahan are expected to divide the smaller Democrat vote pretty evenly.

Palmer for Fox Justice Fox has the backing of the Palmer-McCormick faction and Lennahan is supported by the faction which is lined up behind Judge Bonnell, the gubernatorial nominee.

Judge Kephart, who is counted on to receive the big up-State Republican vote, was elected to the Superior Court in 1912 without the backing of any political faction.

Running independently, he conducted one of the most aggressive publicity campaigns in the history of Pennsylvania politics and won over the slated organization candidate. His vote, exclusive of Philadelphia, in that contest totaled more than 210,000.

He is forty-six years old, and at the time of his election was the youngest man ever elected to the Superior Court bench. Judge Kephart was an orphan and was educated in the Soldiers' Orphan's School, at McAllisterville. He earned enough money as a telegraph

operator on the Pennsylvania Railroad to pay his way through Dickinson Law School and practiced for nineteen years prior to his election.

He is a brother of State Treasurer Harmon M. Kephart.

M'NICHOL WAS VARE ASSET

South Philadelphia Leaders May Feel Loss of Legislative Member

The resignation of Representative Thomas F. McNichol as the Republican legislative nominee in the Seventh District will deprive the Vore forces of one of their strongest assets in the House at Harrisburg.

McNichol was the Vore floor leader in the House during the last session and much of the credit for staving off bills aimed at curbing the Vore power in Philadelphia was due to his leadership. He also strongly championed Governor Brumbaugh when the Governor was under fire from the Penrose forces for alleged maladministration.

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PRAYERS OF MOTHER HIS ARMOR AT FRONT

John H. Weiner Tells Relatives He Has No Fear Even in Battle

The American soldier's determination to "carry on" until the biggest job in the world is accomplished is well expressed in a letter received today from Private John H. Weiner, Company E, 308th Ammunition Train.

The letter, written to the young soldier's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Freifelder, 6132 Locust street, follows:

"Your most welcome letter received and was surely enjoyed to hear from you and that you are enjoying good health. I cannot explain to you how we boys 'over here' treasure mail from America, especially from those who are dear to us. Just picture me in a strange country, lying in a trench and receiving orders to creep out into 'No Man's Land' at night to see what the Huns are doing, and we trust to luck to bring us back safe, and upon your return you are handed a letter from home. I wish you could have seen the conditions under which I read your letter, in a dugout and by candle light.

While Guns Roar "You could hear the roar of the big guns and then the tapety-tap-tap of machine guns as they send their messages of death into the Hun trench. But one soon gets accustomed to such things, and we laugh at fate. Somehow I don't seem afraid, because my people are praying for my safe return, and I feel that their prayers weave a cloak of armor around me which no Hun can penetrate. And so it is, uncle, that we must carry on and carry on until our mission is fulfilled and we make our world safe for democracy. Do you know I am proud to be over here fighting for that wonderful country of ours—America—and a country that we people as a whole owe a lot to.

"I am proud of my uniform and I am proud to have an uncle like you who is so patriotic for a cause for which we boys are offering our supreme efforts."

Victory certain

"And that is why I say we smile at fate because if we get knocked off we will die on a field of honor with a smile upon our faces, because we can see a sweet victory before us which will surely come. And our people back home can say, 'he did his bit in his humble way.' They may get me, but I am making them pay dear, and I know they will eventually pay in full.

"I only have one regret and that is my mother worries about me. I wish she wouldn't. I send her many cheerful letters; she doesn't even know I am at the front. But this old war can't last forever, and with God's help I may again be back holding her in my arms and giving her the affection that a son owes his mother.

"It is very spectacular to see a battle of airplanes flying around each other for an advantage of position, and presently you see one falling to earth. It is very exciting and I wouldn't have missed it for the world.

ARBOR DAY FOR SOLDIERS Governor's Proclamation Urges Tree Planting in Their Honor

Harrisburg, Oct. 18.—Governor Brumbaugh in a proclamation issued today, urges the people of Pennsylvania to observe the Fall Arbor Day by the planting of trees in memory of the nation's soldier dead. The proclamation follows:

"Upon the day set aside as Autumn Arbor Day, namely, upon Friday October 23, it is most fitting to plant trees in memory of the heroic soldier dead of the State. The planting of trees is at all times a worthy service. When the tree is planted with appropriate ceremonies and given the name of a patriot of the community whose life has gone out and up, it is really the planting of a great purpose, a tangible evidence of our love and loyalty, an assertion that the tree grows so shall the reward of the people grow, that the dead shall not die but live in the hearts of those that follow on.

The school authorities of our Capital city as early as August 1, initiated this movement, now widely observed in many States. Let Pennsylvania not only have the distinction of beginning the movement, but let Pennsylvania lead all the rest in this wholly commendable service.

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SECOND'S MEN IN FRONT LINE Captain Clark Writes Local Boys Are in the Fight

Walton Clark, vice president of the United Gas Improvement Company, has received a letter from his son, Captain Walton Clark, Jr., of the 108th Artillery, the old Second of this city, in which the captain says his men have reached the front line.

Captain Clark commanded Battery P when he left this city for Camp Hancock, which included about seventy employees of the United Gas Improvement Company. The letter to his father states that he has been acting commander of the Third Battalion of the old Second.

Captain Theobald Clark, is also in France, together with Beauvais Clark, who makes a trio of sons of Mr. Clark over there. Captain Theobald is the commander of C Battery of the 11th Field Artillery, a part of the seventy-ninth Division, which trained at Camp Meade. The artillerymen, so Captain Clark writes, have gone into training in a quiet sector. The personnel is largely composed of men from up-State.

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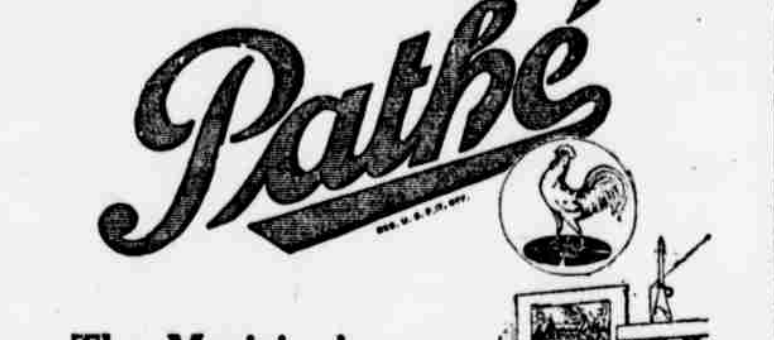
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